

23 OCT 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Clifford D. May, Jr.  
Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Special Procedures for Use in Systematic Review of  
Cryptologic Information Pursuant to Section 3-403  
of Executive Order 12065

1. Action Requested: Your signature is requested on the attached letter to the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (D/ISOO).

2. Background:

a. The National Security Agency issued guidelines, dated "September 1979," covering the review of cryptologic information. It was originally designed for internal use, but the Department of Defense later requested that ISOO issue the guide to all organizations involved with this type of material. The guide was published as a DoD Directive in the Federal Register (Vol. 44, No. 157, 13 August 1979) and was not coordinated with this Agency prior to its issuance by ISOO.

b. On 4 October 1979 in a letter to you from D/ISOO, signed by J. H. Payne, the NSA guidelines were made "...binding on all departments and agencies...for uniform application throughout your department or agency."

3. Staff Position: The attached proposed response is agreeable to the DCI Security Committee, the Office of the General Counsel, Office of SIGINT Operations, Office of Communications and the Information Services Staff through their respective representatives who discussed this problem at a meeting on 17 October 1979. The Chief, Information Services Staff will be calling upon the DD/S&T and the Office of Communications for support in pursuing this coordination to obtain more generally acceptable guidelines.

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the letter to the Director, ISOO responding to the 4 October 1979 communication concerning special procedures for review of cryptologic information.

/s/ C. D. May

Clifford D. May, Jr.

Attachment

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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FROM:

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NO.

Chief, Information Services Staff  
5B2830 Headquarters

DATE

22 October 1979

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

OFFICER'S INITIALS

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ISOO's letter concerning systematic review and declassification of cryptologic information was discussed between Dan Silver and Don Wortman on Friday morning, 19 October. The discussion took place in the car as we were proceeding to an 11:15 meeting with Blouin in his office at GSA. Dan Silver advised Mr. Wortman that ISOO had not done their homework since the Executive Order does require that the DCI review and approve procedures with respect to matters involving intelligence sources and methods. Thus, the letter from the DCI to Blouin points out this oversight and asks that they have a representative from DoD contact C/ISS to further discuss our concerns in this matter. When this contact by DoD is made, we will, of course, advise them that they should submit the DoD procedures to the DCI if they wish to have them adopted for uniform application throughout the Executive Branch.

This position has been developed jointly with several representatives in the Agency who have an interest and responsibility for SIGINT classification review guidelines.